| Period/month | Number of contract engineers |
|---|---|
| July, 2000 | 15 |
| August to December, 2000 | Nil |
| January, 2001 | 6 |
| February, 2001 | 7 |
| March, 2001 | 37 |
| April, 2001 to June, 2001 | Nil |
| TOTAL: | 80 |

(This does not include 49 contract engineers who resigned and left the Company on their own volition and 218 contract engineers released on completion of their contract / extended period of contract.)

**Termination of the EIL staff**

1802. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 73 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th February, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newspaper report captioned "EIL hell-bent on dismissing staff despite earthquake crisis" appeared in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi on 5th March, 2001;

(b) whether Government propose to hold an enquiry by the CBI for terminating the contract employees in EIL ignoring the recommendations of the High Powered Committee; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Services of contract engineers, who were recruited for specified period to meet the short terms requirement, came to an end on completion of contract period / extended period or foreclosure of contract as per terms and conditions of their appointment.

EIL has decided that 50% of vacancies / requirements of Management Trainees will be filled on an annual basis from contract engineers working in the Company or who have left the services of the Company on account of completion of contract period/foreclosure of contract and are meeting the selection criteria.